

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks.

Claims 8-15, 20-22, and 30 are pending, with claims 8 and 30 being independent. Claims 8 and 14 have been amended to correct minor informalities. Thus, no new matter has been added and no new issues are raised by the amendments.

Initially, Applicants thank Examiner Hossain for the indication that claim 30 is allowed.

Claims 8-15 and 20-22 were objected to for minor informalities. Applicants have amended claims 8 and 14. Applicants submit that the amendments to claims 8 and 14 address all of the issues raised in the Office Action. Thus, because no other issues were raised with respect to claims 8-15 and 20-22, Applicants submit that claims 8-15 and 20-22 are allowable.

Claims 1, 4-7, and 26-29 were rejected as being unpatentable over Lett (U.S. Patent No. 5,592,551) in view of Ellis (U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2005/0193413) and Takahashi (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0056106), claim 2 was rejected as being unpatentable over Lett in view of Ellis, Takahashi, and Ellis 2 (U.S. Patent No. 6,665,869), and claim 3 was rejected as being unpatentable over Lett in view of Ellis, Takahashi, and Stautner (U.S. Patent No. 6,172,677). Applicants traverse these rejections, and yet, to expedite prosecution, have canceled claims 1-7 and 26-29, thereby rendering these rejections moot.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

It is believed that all of the pending issues have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this reply should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this reply, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

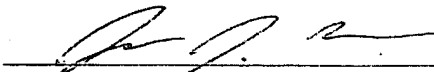
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